

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: PINT, IT  
SUBJECT: FLORENCE DC FACES GRASSROOTS REVOLT AGAINST DC  
NATIONAL POLICY LINE

1. LOCAL DC OFFICIAL DESCRIBED IN RECENT CONVERSATION  
"SERIOUS PROBLEM" OF PARTY MEMBERSHIP LOSSES ARISING DIRECTLY  
FROM GROWING IMPRESSION THAT NATIONAL LEADERSHIP IS MOVING  
TOWARD CLOSER COOPERATION WITH PCI. HE NOTED MANY  
EXAMPLES OF NEAR REBELLION IN PARTY UNITS AND STATED THAT  
IN ONE FLORENCE DISTRICT LAST YEAR'S MEMBERSHIP OF 2000  
HAD DROPPED TO 1200. HIS MEETINGS WITH THOSE PAST MEMBERS  
WHO NOW REFUSE TO RENEW THEIR MEMBERSHIPS HAVE RESULTED  
IN DISCUSSIONS IN WHICH THEY TOLD HIM THEIR PURPOSE IS TO  
"SEND THEM A MESSAGE DOWN THERE IN ROME."

2. THE ENROLLED MEMBERSHIP IS ALSO UP IN ARMS OVER NEWS  
REPORTS AND, WORSE, RUMORS OF SECRET DEALS BY VARIOUS DC  
NATIONAL LEADERS WITH THE PCI. THE MAJOR TOPIC IN ALL  
ENCOUNTERS CENTERS ON DEMANDS TO KEEP THE COMMUNISTS OUT  
OF GOVERNMENT. MANY ASSERT CATEGORICALLY THAT THEY WILL  
LEAVE THE DC IF THE AGREEMENT REACHED BY THE DC LEADERSHIP  
IN ROME DOES NOT MEET THEIR APPROVAL. LOCAL PARTY LEADER-  
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SHIP IS CONCERNED ABOUT THE SITUATION ESPECIALLY SINCE  
MANY AGREE WITH THE REBELS. WHILE OFFICIAL IS ALSO  
DISTURBED ABOUT THE PROBLEM, FOR THE MOMENT, HE IS NOT  
CONTEMPLATING DRASTIC ACTION KNOWING THAT MEETINGS  
HAD ALREADY BEEN SCHEDULED WITH THE NATIONAL LEADERSHIP  
TO DISCUSS MEMBERSHIP REBELLION. HE SAID THIS PHENOMENON  
EXISTS THROUGHOUT TUSCANY AND HE HAS HEARD FROM COUNTER-

PARTS IN OTHER PARTS OF ITALY THAT MANY OTHER DC LOCAL  
OFFICIALS ARE FACED WITH THE SAME PROBLEM.  
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